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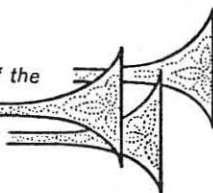
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February 20, 1969

Dr. Horace Raper  
Tennessee Technological University  
Department of History  
Cookeville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Raper:

Thank you for your recommendation of me to Columbia Theological Seminary. My family and I will move to Decatur, Georgia this summer where I will enter Columbia Theological Seminary to begin work on their Master of Divinity program, leading to their Doctorate of Sacred Theology. The schedule calls for a five year study plan in connection with a campus ministry of the Decatur Church of Christ.

I have a problem relating to my Master's thesis at Tech. I discovered recently that the final three pages, typed after I could not be reached for final checking, were the three pages that contained the title of my thesis. In the title a mistake has been made regarding the period of time covered in my study of the Gospel Advocate. The abstract page, the title page, and the faculty approval page all carry incorrect dates of "1866-1868." This should be corrected to "1855-1868."

This could cause some confusion for anyone, especially within our brotherhood, who wanted to read my thesis and work with it. We have a number of students, both in Harding Graduate School in Memphis and here at Abilene Christian College, who are working with American Church History with special emphasis on the Church of Christ. This is one of the practical reasons I would like to have this corrected, if possible.

The correct dates for my study of the Gospel Advocate is explained clearly on page vi, lines 11 and 17; page v, line 11; page 1, line 7; and page 3, line 1. On all of these pages and on each of these lines the years "1855-1868" are given. The abstract page, the title page, and the faculty page, however, have "1866-1868."

What recommendations, if any, do you have? Is this simply a matter of changing the bound copies with black ink? Could I retype these three sheets and have them inserted in the Tech Library copy? Or is there simply nothing that can be done?

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The incorrect title of my thesis, due to the typographical error in dates, is also given in my Tech transcripts. On the transcript form there is a place for thesis title where the incorrect dates "1866-1868" are used. The bound volume in the Tech Library has on its spine the incorrect dates also. This is a rather tardy letter regarding this matter, but if you have any suggestions for a possible solution, I would be glad to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

John Allen Chalk  
Radio Evangelist

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Enclosures